

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in light of the present amendment and remarks.

The objection to the drawings has been corrected by revising the numbers in the specification. The originally filed figures show "Figures 35A-D" as opposed to the originally stated "34a-d". The specification has been corrected accordingly.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the objection to Claim 44. Please note that the limitation of Claim 44 relates to artificial light while the limitation of Claim 43 relates to sunlight i.e., natural light.

The '475 reference to Kufrovich, et al. discloses a system which can use either sunlight or artificial light for illumination, but not both at the same time. As described in column 7, lines 26-43 of Kufrovich, et al., a light reflecting surface of the disclosed "top reflector comprises an iris structure **44** to permit selective opening and closing of the light reflecting surface..." There is no teaching or suggesting in the Kufrovich, et al. reference to blend natural and artificial light. In fact, Kufrovich, et al. clearly teaches against the blending of natural and artificial light.

While Kufrovich, et al. discloses a device for collecting sunlight, his disclosed device fixes the tilt of the parabolic reflector and then rotates it to follow the sun. Applicants' claimed invention can accept sunlight from any position in the sky, concentrate it and provide a source of collimated light to the light distribution system. By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended Claim 1 by incorporating the

limitations of original claims 15 and 16 to clearly distinguish from the teaching of Kufrovich, et al.

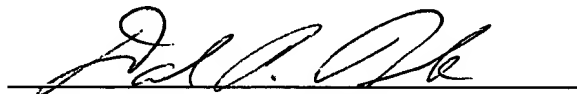
The cited '660 reference to Levens relates to the separation of visible energy from infrared energy to form an illumination beam and a separate heating beam. This is quite different from Applicants' claimed invention which splits the visible components of visible light beam into two visible light beams. Claims 24 and 42 have been amended to distinguish the visible light beam splitter of Applicants' claimed invention from the teaching of Levens.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as amended, are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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